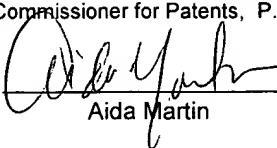




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In re Application of)
Bower et al.) Group Art Unit: 1652
Serial No.: 09/284,327) Examiner: Patterson, C.
Filed: April 10, 1999)
For: Novel EGIII-Like Enzymes, DNA)
Encoding Such Enzymes and Methods)
for Producing Such Enzymes)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of August 26, 2003 and is accompanying a Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b). Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of April 1, 2005 (April 2, 2005 being a Saturday). Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.